

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 6, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claim 28 is hereby amended. Claims 1–29 are currently pending. Claims 1-27 are allowed. Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejected claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the restriction requirement regarding claims 28 and 29 is withdrawn. The Examiner is thanked for withdrawing the restriction requirement. Also, claims 1-27 are indicated as being allowed. The Examiner is also thanked for allowing claims 1-27. In addition, claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,790,222 to Kim (hereinafter “Kim”).

The rejection of claims 28 and 29 as being anticipated by Kim is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 28 is allowable over Kim in that claim 28 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “an active layer disposed below the second data line including a portion thereof at the second line, a source electrode, and a drain electrode of the thin film transistor, wherein the second data line completely overlaps the active layer.” Kim does not teach at least these features of the claimed invention. On page 4 of the last Office Action, the Examiner indicated these features were not anticipated by or rendered obvious by the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 and claim 29, which depends therefrom, are allowable over Kim.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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